



Crop Report for September 21, 2008

Sixty-six per cent of the 2008 crop has been harvested, up from 39 per cent last week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

The five-year (2003-07) average is 63 per cent harvested. Harvesting is furthest advanced in the southwest where 73 per cent of operations are complete, and is least advanced in the northwest where 47 per cent of the crop is off. Most areas of the province experienced warm, dry weather the past week enabling producers to make significant progress.

Harvesting progress varies between the major crops. Spring wheat is at 64 per cent complete, durum at 67 per cent, canola at 57 per cent and lentils and peas are at 96 per cent complete.

According to crop reporters, producers were pleased with the amount of harvest progress they achieved over the past seven days.

In addition to harvesting, some producers were busy seeding the last of the winter wheat and fall rye. Others were busy with post-harvest spraying and getting their winter feed supply baled and hauled.

There were reports of ergot damage in some of the crops harvested across the east side of the province.

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 21, 2008

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Harvested		
	2008	2007	Average 2003-07	2008	2007	Average 2003-07
Winter wheat	1	4	8	98	95	88
Fall rye	1	3	6	91	97	88
Spring wheat	28	22	22	64	74	59
Durum	21	4	14	67	95	71
Oats	35	32	22	50	60	51
Barley	19	18	20	76	78	64
Triticale	5	7	13	51	91	65
Flax	26	25	18	16	51	37
Canola	41	26	37	57	74	58
Mustard	15	7	14	76	92	73
Sunflowers	0	1	4	0	2	3
Lentils	2	2	9	96	97	84
Peas	3	3	8	96	96	86
Canary seed	35	20	20	23	58	44
Chickpeas	9	8	8	35	90	60
Total	25	18	21	66	78	63

1 Year Ago

Seventy-eight per cent of the crop was harvested.

Cool, damp weather limited progress during the week.

Crop damage was mainly caused by weathering, wind, and frost.



South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3a)

South eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	92
Fall rye	100	97
Spring wheat	74	32
Durum	77	33
Oats	51	24
Barley	79	55
Triticale	65	50
Flax	19	4
Canola	68	45
Mustard	78	66
Sunflowers	0	22
Lentils	99	94
Peas	95	93
Canary seed	33	8
Chickpeas	68	59
Total	71	45

The south eastern region had good harvest weather this past week, as the weather was warm and almost no rain fell. Rural municipalities (RMs) 155 and 157 each had 1 mm of rain, while the remainder of the region did not receive any rain or only a trace of rain. Wind damage was reported across the area. Frost damage was reported in the RMs of 124 and 155. Migrating birds damaged some the crop in the Odessa area.

Seventy-one per cent of the 2008 south eastern crop has been harvested and a further 20% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Green second-growth is causing some problems in harvesting.

Some farmers are starting to wrap-up the harvest with the good week of weather.

Crop land moisture

conditions changed slightly this past week. Eighty per cent is rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, down from 86% last week. Conditions dropped from last week on hay and pasture land with 85% of the land rated as having adequate topsoil, down from 95%.

Grasshoppers damaged crops in the RMs of 36 and 65. Sawflies damaged crops in the RMs of 38, 39 and 99. Ergot has been reported in crops in the RMs of 38, 39 and 126.

Some post harvest spraying was taking place during the past week along with bale hauling and baling of straw.

only a trace of rain. RM 51 had almost 1 mm of rain during the week. Weather related damage was due to wind, which was reported in the RMs of 71, 73 and 226. There were not any reports of frost damage in the southwest.

Seventy-three per cent of the 2008 south western crop has been combined and a further 14% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to decline with 72% of the crop land rated as adequate, down from 82%. Almost 57% of the hay and pasture land, down from 68%, rated as having adequate topsoil moisture.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

South western harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	92
Fall rye	84	96
Spring wheat	62	32
Durum	67	29
Oats	60	52
Barley	82	58
Triticale	50	63
Flax	24	2
Canola	85	78
Mustard	88	70
Sunflowers	0	n/a
Lentils	96	83
Peas	99	97
Canary seed	19	7
Chickpeas	22	16
Total	73	49

Sawflies caused crop damage across the region, particularly in the RMs of 71, 73, 78, 79, 109, and 167. Badgers are reported to be a problem in one area of RM 76, creating concerns about damage to equipment.

Fall rye and winter wheat seeding continues in the region. Some post harvest spraying was done during the past week. Farmers are also baling oats and triticale.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The past week was dry in the southwest, which helped the harvest along. Almost the entire region did not receive any rain or

The east central region was mostly dry with some reports of rain. The RMs of 211, 220, and 222 had 2 mm of rain with 221 having 2.5 mm. Frost damage

was reported in the RMs of 211, 246 and 340. Wind damaged crops in the RMs of 279, 284 and 337.

East central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	90
Fall rye	99	97
Spring wheat	60	18
Durum	52	18
Oats	46	16
Barley	78	49
Triticale	75	26
Flax	11	4
Canola	52	30
Mustard	67	33
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	95	84
Peas	96	87
Canary seed	10	1
Chickpeas	45	31
Total	60	34

Sixty per cent of the 2008 east central crop has been harvested and a further 33% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Grain is being dried in some cases. Hail damaged crops are still green in the region. Heavy dews prevent farmers from combining early in the morning.

Topsoil moisture conditions declined as cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 86% adequate, compared to 95% the previous week. On hay and pasture land, the adequate rating was 68%, compared to 80% the previous week.

Migrating ducks and geese damaged crops in the RMs of 245, 276, 277, 279, and 366. There was ergot damage reported in RMs 216 and 276.

The seeding of winter wheat continued during the week. There was also some baling, and bale hauling. There were reports of field fires in the Conquest area.

as adequate, compared to 68% last week. On hay and pasture land 41% was rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 57% last week.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	96
Fall rye	100	99
Spring wheat	61	20
Durum	60	20
Oats	51	10
Barley	71	34
Triticale	43	20
Flax	13	1
Canola	70	42
Mustard	54	27
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	95	78
Peas	93	93
Canary seed	19	5
Chickpeas	62	44
Total	68	37

The west central region was warm and dry this past week. There was not any rain reported across the region during the previous week. There was frost damage reported in the RMs of 350, 379 and 410. Wind damaged crops in RM 284.

Sixty-seven per cent of the 2008 west central crop has been harvested and a further 25% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Some grain was coming off tough but is reported to be grading well.

Topsoil moisture conditions dried this past week. Fifty-four per cent of the crop land is rated

Ergot damage was reported in RM 318; there was sawfly damage in RM 350.

There was baling of straw for livestock during the week.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	91
Fall rye	97	92
Spring wheat	79	44
Durum	60	13
Oats	66	31
Barley	86	49
Triticale	60	40
Flax	15	0
Canola	63	29
Mustard	69	18
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	76	84
Peas	97	85
Canary seed	28	17
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	72	40

The north eastern region saw warm and dry weather in the past week. Almost the entire region did not receive any rain, except RM 398 which had 1 mm of rain. Wind damage was reported in the RMs of 372 and 457.

Seventy-two per cent of the 2008 north eastern crop has been harvested and a further 26% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions are drier than last week. Fifty-five per cent of the crop land is rated as adequate, compared to 72% last week and 43% of the hay and pasture land is rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 60% last week.

There was ergot reported in RM's of 457 and 458, near Tisdale.

Some farmers were baling straw for livestock this past week.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	89
Fall rye	100	69
Spring wheat	53	13
Durum	50	n/a
Oats	31	9
Barley	53	18
Triticale	10	0
Flax	15	4
Canola	33	16
Mustard	25	25
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	n/a	n/a
Peas	92	86
Canary seed	n/a	n/a
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	47	20

The north western region was dry this past week. Rain was not reported anywhere across the region. Frost damage was reported in the RM's of 435, 501, and 622. Wind damage was reported in the RM's of 438, 467 and 501.

Forty-seven per cent of the 2008 north western crop has been combined and a further 30% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. The canola crops are not drying down as quickly as farmers would like.

Topsoil moisture conditions were drier during the past week. Sixty-two percent of the crop land was rated as adequate, compared to 81% last week. Forty-nine per cent of the hay and pasture land was rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared with 62% last week.

Grasshoppers continued to damage crops in the North Battleford area. Migrating geese and ducks were damaging crops in the RM of 622.

Farmers are baling straw and hauling bales.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 20, 2008

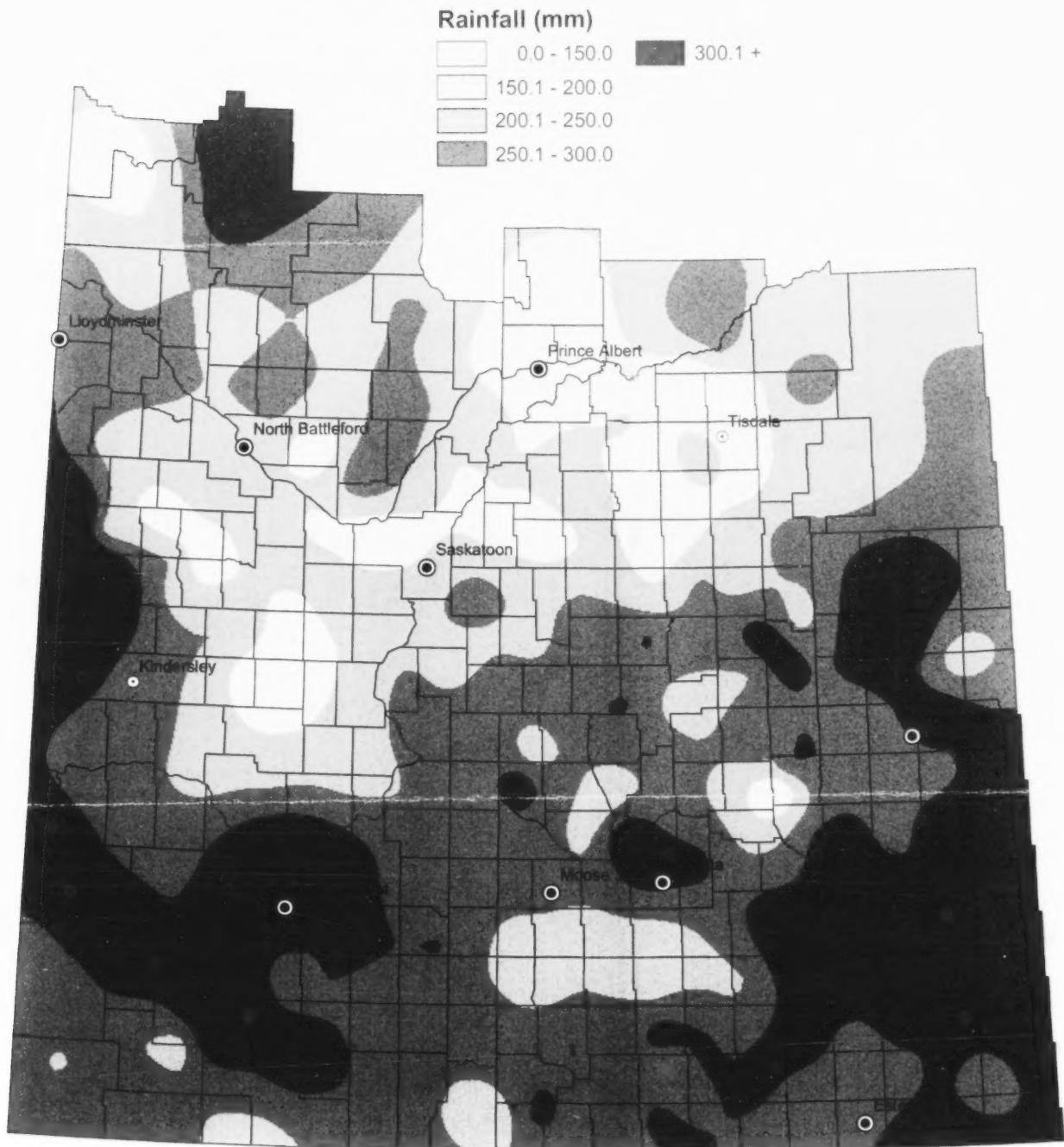
Crop	Municipality	Past	Since	Crop	Municipality	Past	Since	Crop	Municipality	Past	Since	
Dist.	No.	Week	April 1	Dist.	No.	Week	April 1	Dist.	No.	Week	April 1	
1A	1	Argyle	NIL	315	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	269*	344	Corman Park	NIL	151
	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	318	108	Bone Creek	NIL	426	345	Vanscoy	NIL	217
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	344	138	Webb	NIL	366	346	Perdue	NIL	236
33 A	Moose Creek	N/A	276*	165	Morse	N/A	257*	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	188	
33 B	Moose Creek	NIL	321	166	Excelsior	NIL	352	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	188	
34	Browning	N/A	265*	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	373	403	Rosthern	NIL	201	
61	Antler	N/A	220*	168	Riverside	NIL	387	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	238	
64	Brock	NIL	302	226	Victory	NIL	232	287	St. Andrews	NIL	173	
65	Tecumseh	NIL	285	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	238	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	191	
91	Maryfield	NIL	376	228 B	Lacadena	N/A	236*	292	Milton	NIL	322	
92	Walpole	N/A	326*	255	Coteau	N/A	178*	317 A	Marriott	N/A	188*	
93	Wawken	NIL	335	4A	49	White Valley	NIL	271	317 B	Marriott	NIL	169
94	Hazelwood	N/A	376*	49 A	White Valley	N/A	251*	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	245	
95	Golden West	NIL	332	51	Reno	1	249	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	235	
121	Moosomin	NIL	426	79	Arlington	NIL	274	320	Oakdale	NIL	289	
122	Martin	NIL	411	109	Carmichael	NIL	337	321	Prairiedale	NIL	318	
123	Silverwood	NIL	301	110	Piapot	NIL	336	347 A	Biggar	NIL	248	
124	Kingsley	NIL	389	111 A	Maple Creek	NIL	293	347 B	Biggar	N/A	192*	
125	Chester	NIL	320	111 B	Maple Creek	N/A	330*	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	240	
151 A	Rocanville	N/A	277*	139	Gull Lake	NIL	316	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	224	
151 B	Rocanville	TR	340	141	Big Stick	NIL	326	351	Progress	NIL	381	
153	Willowdale	NIL	320	142	Enterprise	NIL	311	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	379	
154	Elcapo	NIL	416	169	Pittville	N/A	293*	377	Glenside	NIL	219	
155	Wolseley	1	324	231	Happyland	NIL	275	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	215	
2A	36	Cymri	NIL	276	232	Deer Forks	NIL	331	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	234
	66	Griffin	NIL	322	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	360	379	Reford	NIL	169
	67	Weyburn	NIL	305	184	Grayson	NIL	294	380	Tramping Lake	NIL	183
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	274	185	McLeod	NIL	330	381	Grass Lake	NIL	253
	69	Norton	N/A	318*	186	Abernethy	NIL	293	382	Eye Hill	NIL	367
	96	Fillmore	NIL	350	211	Churchbridge	2	337	409	Buffalo	NIL	237
	97	Wellington	NIL	257	213	Saltcoats	TR	287	410	Round Valley	NIL	208
	99	Caledonia	NIL	258	216 A	Tullymet	NIL	289	411	Senlac	NIL	354
2B	126	Montmartre	NIL	374	216 B	Tullymet	NIL	172	395	Porcupine	NIL	209
	127	Francis	NIL	328	241	Calder	NIL	314	397	Barrier Valley	NIL	191
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	215	243	Wallace	NIL	347	398	Pleasantdale	1	183
	131	Baildon	NIL	234	245 A	Garry	1	263	428	Star City	NIL	217
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	286	245 B	Garry	TR	296	456	Arborfield	NIL	260
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	265	246	Ituna Bon Accord	TR	260	457	Connaught	NIL	140
	158	Edenwold	1	314	247	Kellross	NIL	284	458	Willow Creek	NIL	155
	160	Pense	NIL	258	248	Touchwood	NIL	243	486	Moose Range	NIL	225
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	254	271	Cote	NIL	268	487	Nipawin	NIL	236
	191	Marquis	NIL	284	273	Sliding Hills	NIL	228	369	St. Peter	NIL	155
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	NIL	306	275	Insinger	N/A	254*	370	Humboldt	NIL	214
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	346	276	Foam Lake	NIL	333	371	Bayne	NIL	172
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	275	277	Emerald	NIL	264	372	Grant	NIL	187
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	294	304	Buchanan	N/A	396*	373	Aberdeen	N/A	22*
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	263	307	Elfros	NIL	330	400	Three Lakes	NIL	242
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	262	308	Big Quill	N/A	140*	402	Fish Creek	NIL	198
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	301*	333	Clayton	N/A	281*	429 A	Flett's Springs	N/A	136*
	40	Bengough	NIL	288	335	Hazel Dell	N/A	327*	429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL	211
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	256*	336	Sasman	NIL	249	431	St. Louis	NIL	195
	43 A	Old Post	NIL	243	337	Lakeview	NIL	227	459	Kinistino	NIL	197
	43 B	Old Post	NIL	208	338	Lakeside	NIL	255	488	Torch River	NIL	269
	44	Waverley	NIL	269	366	Kelvington	TR	268	520	Paddockwood	NIL	170
	70	Key West	N/A	275*	367 B	Ponass Lake	N/A	150*	9 AW	Great Bend	N/A	115*
	71 A	Excel	NIL	276	189	Lumsden	NIL	369	405	Mayfield	NIL	215
	71 B	Excel	NIL	287	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	247	435	Redberry	NIL	290
	71 C	Excel	NIL	303	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	236	436	Douglas	NIL	165
	72	Lake of the Rivers	NIL	241	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	287	463	Duck Lake	NIL	222
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	263	219 B	Longlaketon	1	263	464	Leask	NIL	257
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	297	219 C	Longlaketon	NIL	270	466	Meeting Lake	NIL	227
	74	Wood River	NIL	54	220	Mckillop	2	228	467	Round Hill	NIL	260
3AN	101	Terrell	NIL	239	221	Sarnia	3	278	493	Shellbrook	NIL	185
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	211	222	Craik	2	299	494	Canwood	N/A	249*
	103	Sutton	NIL	270	251	Big Arm	NIL	285	496	Spiritwood	NIL	242
	132	Hillsborough	NIL	245	252	Arm River	NIL	218	497	Medstead	N/A	266*
	134	Shamrock	NIL	300	279 A	Mount Hope	NIL	302	555	Big River	N/A	218*
	164	Chaplin	NIL	274	279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	227	438	Battle River	NIL	207
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	264	280	Wreford	NIL	280	440	Hillsdale	NIL	246
	194	Enfield	NIL	257	282	McCraney	NIL	296	442	Manitow Lake	NIL	285
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	NIL	353	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	301	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	229
	17 B	Val Marie	NIL	225	312	Morris	NIL	245	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	207*
	45	Mankota	N/A	296*	313	Lost River	NIL	244	499	Mervin	NIL	291
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	261	339	Leroy	NIL	213	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	220
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	77	Wise Creek	NIL	322	343	Blucher	NIL	270	561	Loon Lake	NIL	226
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	384	283	Rosedale	NIL	213	588 A	Meadow Lake	N/A	180*
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	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	355	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	215	588 C	Meadow Lake	TR	325
	105	Glenbain	NIL	280	286	Milden	NIL	204	588 D	Meadow Lake	NIL	346
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	298	314	Dundurn	NIL	234	622	Beaver River	NIL	163

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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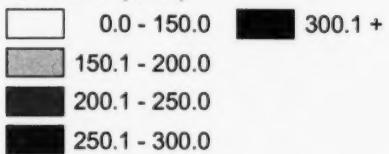
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Cumulative Rainfall
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To: September 20, 2008



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Rainfall (mm)



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

